

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details in regard to Indian standing in the field of agricultural production in the World at present:
- (b) the Indian standing in production of wheat, rice, cotton and pulses etc. in the world; and
- (c) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to make India a leading country in the world in the agriculture production during the next two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The latest year for which the details of India's position in the field of agricultural production in the world are available is 1999. The statement giving these details in respect of some major crops is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(c): To increase production in different parts of the country, the Government switched over from the conventional Schematic approach to Macro Management mode for providing assistance to States from November 2000. The scheme integrates 27 schemes into one Macro Management scheme for supplementation/complementation of states' efforts through work plans which gives flexibility to states to address the specific problems faced by them, avoid overlapping in the contents of different schemes and aims at all-round development of agriculture. This is expected to further improve the position of Indian agriculture in the world.

ANNEXURE-I

India's Position in World in Production of Food Items During 1999.

Item	Production in million tonnes	India's position		
		India	World	% Share Rank Next to-
1. Total Cereals	230 2064	11.1	Third	China, USA
1.1. Wheat	71 584	12.2	Second	China
1.2. Rice (Paddy)	131 596	22.0	Second	China
1.3. Coarse grains	28 884	3.2	Fourth	USA, China, Brazil
2. Total Pulses	16 59	27.1	First	
3. Rapeseed	6 43	14.0	Third	China, Canada
4. Fruits & Vegetables				

- 4.1. Vegetables & Melon 59 629 9.4 Second China
- 4.2. Fruits Excluding Melon 39 445 8.8 Second China
- 4.3. Potato 23 294 7.8 Third China, Russian
Fed.
- 4.4. Onion (dry) 5 44 11.4 Second China
- 5. Commercial Crops
- 5.1. Sugarcane 282 1275 22.1 Second Brazil
- 5.2. Tea 0.75 2.87 26.1 First
- 5.3. Coffee (Green) 0.27 6.48 4.2 Seventh Brazil,
Colombia,
Vietnam,
Indonesia,
Cote Divoire,
Mexico
- 5.4. Tobacco (Leaves) 0.70 7.09 9.9 Second China

Source : FAO Production Year Book, 1999.